



One 2021: wk 6 Armed w/Prayer

Introduction: There are very few places in the New Testament that use language that encourages Christians to “arm themselves.” As Peter continues his encouragement to Christians enduring suffering, he tells them to arm themselves-but not with any type of conventional weapon; but with the attitude of Christ. What if we began to take on that attitude as we interact with a world that is not our home?

Discussion Questions

1. Are there any events in your life that you replay in your memories frequently? Are they good or bad? How can replaying pivotal moments of our lives be either a good or a bad thing?
2. If you think about Peter’s experience the night Jesus was arrested and tried – how many of those events do you think he would look back on and wish he had done differently?
3. **Read 1 Peter 4:1** What do you think Peter means when he says to “arm yourselves with the same attitude?” What do you think Peter is getting at when he says that those who suffer are done with sin?
4. If we were to approach suffering by thinking like Jesus; what do we know about how he approached his own suffering? What did he think about those who were persecuting him?
5. **Read 1 Peter 4:7b** This is the second time in the letter that Peter has mentioned things hindering prayer. How does self-control and clear mindedness help with prayer?
6. **Read 1 Peter 4:8-11** How does love cover over a multitude of sins? Peter says that we should use our gifts to serve. Why would God give us gifts to serve each other? Do you know what “gifts” you have or how you are using them for God’s purposes?
7. If prayer is a key to being faithful in suffering, how can you be more intentional about praying?

Shaping Your Mind –*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

Moving Forward – Father, help me love, live, and serve like Jesus today.